



## Idaho Poetry Out Loud 2015-2016 High School Application

The **Idaho Commission on the Arts** is proud to present Poetry Out Loud to Idaho high schools. To participate in the official Poetry Out Loud program, please complete and submit this form by **December 4, 2015**. To participate, your school must have at least one teacher leading the program. Teams of teachers may also apply to implement Poetry Out Loud school-wide.

Please contact Sarah Poe, the Idaho Poetry Out Loud Coordinator, at 208-371-7205 or [sarahpoepoetry@gmail.com](mailto:sarahpoepoetry@gmail.com) for more information and assistance planning your school contest.

**School Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**District Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City, State, Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Lead Teacher:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Teaching Subject:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-Mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

### Idaho Poetry Out Loud Important Dates

This year, each participating school will send the winner of their school competition directly to the State Finals in Boise. Modeled after the National Finals, the Idaho State Finals will have semi-final rounds by region earlier in the day with the top 10-12 students competing in the State Final in the late afternoon. The winner from the State Final will advance to the National Finals. Students and teachers living more than 60 miles away from Boise will receive travel stipends and two nights at a hotel close to the event, paid for by the Idaho Commission on the Arts.

**State Finals:** Saturday, March 5, 2016, 8 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. in Boise

*State Finals Schedule*

- Semi-Final Round One (Boise Schools) 8 a.m. – 10 a.m.
- Semi-Final Round Two (Southwest Idaho Schools) 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- Teachers Lunch Meeting 12 p.m. – 1 p.m.
- Semi-Final Round Three (North and Southeast Idaho Schools) 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.
- State Final 3:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

**National Finals:** 2016 Poetry Out Loud National Finals will take place in Washington, DC at the Lisner Auditorium on May 2, 3, and 4, 2016.

**By signing this application, the lead teacher agrees to the following:**

- ☐ I will advertise the program to high school students in my school and implement the program in my classes if possible. I understand that lesson plans are available to me and the best participation by students is through classroom practice.
- ☐ I will participate in regular correspondence by e-mail with the state coordinator and conference calls when possible. I understand that the majority of communication for this program will be on-line and am able to access the internet frequently.
- ☐ I will adhere to the program timeline, introducing the program to students before the end of December and holding a school wide competition after winter break. If my student is selected to participate at the state finals, I will help him or her prepare and will do my best to attend the State Final on March 5, 2016.

**Please mail this completed form to:**

**Idaho Commission on the Arts**

**Attn: Sarah Poe**

**P.O. Box 83720**

**Boise, ID 83720-0008**

**Or fax to: 208-334-2488**

**Teacher Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Principal Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

*For more information on the Idaho Poetry Out Loud program,  
please visit the Idaho Commission on the Arts website at [arts.idaho.gov](http://arts.idaho.gov).*

*The national Poetry Out Loud website, [poetryoutloud.org](http://poetryoutloud.org), will be one of your greatest resources for the program. Visit the site for videos, the full anthology of poems, competition tips and more.*